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**TITLE 575 STATE SCHOOL BUS COMMITTEE**

**Proposed Rule**  
LSA Document #15-426

**DIGEST**

Amends [575 IAC 1-9-15](#) to allow a driver to delay completing the cycle for turning the child alert notification system off when the bus ignition is turned off. Amends [575 IAC 1-9-28](#) to clarify and provide additional specifications for the contents of first aid kits. Amends [575 IAC 1-9-51](#) to include specifications for optional rear stop arms. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

[IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses](#)

[575 IAC 1-9-15](#); [575 IAC 1-9-28](#); [575 IAC 1-9-51](#)

SECTION 1. [575 IAC 1-9-15](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**[575 IAC 1-9-15](#) Child alert notification systems**

**Authority:** [IC 20-27-3-4](#)

**Affected:** [IC 20-27-9](#)

Sec. 15. (a) A child alert notification system is required on every bus manufactured after January 1, 2015.

(b) The device must not affect or interfere with any other existing operating or electrical component (for example, turn signals, brake lights, stop signal arm).

(c) The device must:

- (1) permit the driver complete control of the ignition switch; and
- (2) not interfere with engine operation or shutdown.

(d) When the ignition switch is in the ON or ACCESSORY positions, the device must be in standby mode and silent. The device may have an indicator light within normal view of the driver indicating the device is operational and in standby mode.

(e) The indicator light must be labeled and identified.

(f) When the ignition is turned OFF, a timer must be automatically set. The amount of delay may not exceed two (2) minutes and may be programmable up to the maximum **time** limit. The device may emit a reminder tone or signal during the delay period. **The timer delay may have a reset feature located within reach of the driver when in a seated position that allows the timer delay to be reset for an additional length of time, not to exceed two (2) minutes for each reset, without deactivating the child alert notification system.**

(g) When the time delay expires and the driver has not activated the reset switch or turned the ignition to the ON or ACCESSORY position, the device must activate the horn. The horn must sound intermittently and continuously until the reset switch is pressed or electrical power is restored with the ignition switch.

(h) The reset switch must be a push-button type and not require a key. An override (bypass) capability is prohibited.

(i) The reset switch must be mounted on the interior rear of the bus behind the rearmost seat or wheelchair location.

*(State School Bus Committee; [575 IAC 1-9-15](#); filed Aug 15, 2014, 10:20 a.m.: [20140910-IR-575130244FRA](#); errata filed Sep 18, 2014, 10:40 a.m.: [20141015-IR-575140377ACA](#))*

SECTION 2. [575 IAC 1-9-28](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**[575 IAC 1-9-28](#) Emergency equipment; first aid kit****Authority:** [IC 20-27-3-4](#)**Affected:** [IC 20-27-9](#)

Sec. 28. (a) Each school bus must carry a dustproof, detachable first aid kit that:

- (1) does not have sharp protrusions;
- (2) can accommodate at least ten (10) units; and
- (3) does not require tools to open.

(b) The kit must be mounted in plain view, or in a bulkhead or storage compartment, on the inside of the bus and in a location that is accessible to the driver. If the first aid kit is located in the bulkhead, it must be secured and the cover of the bulkhead or storage compartment must be clearly labeled "Emergency Equipment".

(c) All first aid kits are subject to inspection by the Indiana state police.

(d) Contents must be replaced in accordance with the first aid kit manufacturer's suggestions.

(e) A ten (10) unit kit minimum must contain the items listed as follows:

Item	No. Per Pkg.
ADH STRIP 1X516J8X	4
BOX #1-002 ADH STRIP 16/BX	4
ADH STRIP 1x3 PLASTIC BULK	16
SCISSOR BULK	4
TRIANGULAR BANDAGE 1/BAG	2
GAUZE PAD 3x3 BULK	6
GAUZE STRETCH 2x5 N/S BULK	4
EYE PAD STERILE BULK	3
TAPE ADH 1x5 BULK	4
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(e) All kit contents must be latex free.

(f) The kit at a minimum must contain the items listed as follows:

Item	Total No.
Adhesive bandages	One (1) package, containing a total of sixteen (16) bandages in assorted sizes, including 3/4" x 3", 1" x 3", and 2" x 3"; or Three (3) packages, including one (1) package each of twenty (20) bandages sized 3/4" x 3"; sixteen (16) bandages sized 1" x 3"; and six (6) bandages sized 2" x 3"
Adhesive tape (cloth based medical, 1" x 5")	1 roll
Blunt scissor	1
Bulk gauze pad (sterile, 3" x 3")	6
Bulk gauze stretch material (nonsterile, 2" x 5")	4
Bulk oval eye gauze pad (sterile)	3
List of quick first aid instructions	1
Triangular bandage	2

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SECTION 3. [575 IAC 1-9-51](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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**[575 IAC 1-9-51](#) Lamps and signals; stop arm**

**Authority:** [IC 20-27-3-4](#)

**Affected:** [IC 20-27-9](#)

Sec. 51. (a) Each bus must have a stop signal device to indicate that the bus is stopped. The device must meet the following specifications:

- (1) The stop signal device must be a flat octagon-shaped device, approximately eighteen (18) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches long, exclusive of the mounting brackets, and meet Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) specifications J-1133.
- (2) Both sides of the device must be a bright red with a one-half (1/2) inch white border. The word "STOP" must be printed on both sides in white block-letters at least six (6) inches high. The sign, including the letters, must be reflective and must not lose more than twenty percent (20%) of its reflectivity when wet.
- (3) The stop signal device must contain double-faced, alternately flashing four (4) inch-high red lamps, with one (1) lamp placed near the top and one (1) lamp placed near the bottom of the device.
- (4) The device must be mounted outside and immediately below the driver's window.
- (5) The stop signal device must have a driver-controlled mechanism, either mechanical, vacuum, electrical, or air, that will hold the device in an extended or retracted position to prevent whipping in the wind. The driver must be able to operate the mechanism while remaining in the normal driving position. Diesel engines without a chassis-installed vacuum or air source must use an electric stop signal device.
- (6) A wind guard may be installed to prevent the stop signal device from whipping in the wind.
- (7) An activated stop signal device must extend to ninety (90) degrees perpendicular to the bus, plus or minus five (5) degrees.

(b) A red strobe light meeting SAE standards may be installed in the stop signal device.

**(c) School buses may be equipped with an additional rear stop signal device to indicate that the bus is stopped. The device must meet the following specifications:**

- (1) The rearmost stop signal device must not contain any lettering, symbols, or markings on the forward side.**
- (2) The rearmost stop signal device must be bright red in color and non-reflectorized on the forward side in accordance with FMVSS 131, S.5.2.3.**
- (3) The rearmost stop signal device must be mounted on the left side of the bus and not more than eight (8) feet from the rear of the bus.**
- (4) The rearmost stop signal device must be mounted at the same height as the stop signal device that is located immediately below the driver's window.**
- (5) An additional stop arm device may be installed on Type A school buses.**

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